

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 20-27 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-17, 26 and 27, drawn to an apparatus (claims 1 and 3-14), an apparatus (claim 2), an apparatus (claims 15-17), an apparatus (claim 26), and an apparatus (claim 27), classified in class 345, subclass 205 (e.g., control devices and display elements sharing structural elements).

Group II, claims 20-25, drawn to a method for processing (claims 20-21) and a method for processing (claims 22-25), classified in class 345, subclass 98 (e.g., specific display element control methods).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-17, 26 and 27.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Michael E. Monaco, Registration No 52,041 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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